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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
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SUBJECT   : East Asia Warning Assessment

1. The following items were discussed by the Community Representatives at the 21 April Warning Meeting.

2. Warning -- No developments in East Asia were suggested for discussion under this heading.

3. Regional Developments

a. CIA described recent political events and non-events in the DPRK, observing that President Kim Il-song remains prominent and active, suggesting that the careful grooming process of his son continues. Also discussed was the difficulty of assessing the significance of recent reported acts of dissidence in North Korea.

b. State reviewed the ongoing process of negotiating US-Japan bilateral economic problems, and their political components. Japanese concessions in the near future are unlikely to fulfill US desires, perhaps because the US seems to be seeking systemic changes rather than problem amelioration.

c. State led a discussion of the Chinese reaction to the recent announcement of renewed US parts supply to Taiwan. It was noted that analysts must evaluate often disparate Chinese public statements, internal guidance, and various negotiating postures in order to divine Chinese positions, let alone intentions. This was viewed as a process, not an event since a number of qualitatively different Taiwan equipment purchases may be proposed for decision within this year.

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4. Plans for Interagency Work

a. A/NIO/EA listed all Community efforts now underway or formally proposed on EA countries.

5. Regional Policy Issues

b. There was insufficient time to cover this subject.

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